

HINGES and TONGS

an RPA newsletter

Rochester Philatelic Association, Inc.

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Jan. / Feb. 1993

Meetings held the second and fourth Thursdays, Sept. through June at St. Pauls' Episcopal Church, East Ave. at Vick Park B. Starts at 8pm.

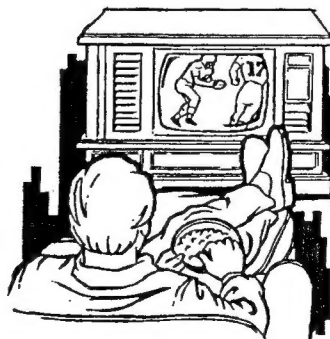


**Let's make a
New Years'**

**Get involved
in the clubs'
operations - NOW**

RESOLUTION

Don't be a couch potato



ROCHESTER PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION, Inc.

TREASURERS' REPORT

July 1, 1991 - June 30, 1992

INCOME

MEMBERSHIP DUES PREPAID	\$ 60.00
MEMBERSHIP DUES	595.00
INTEREST / CHECKINGO SEE FOOTNOTE #1	228.50
INTEREST / CD'S SEE FOOTNOTE #1	233.09
DONATIONS	51.00
AUCTIONS	182.40
REFRESHMENTS	116.50
TRANSFERS FROM ROPEX TO GEN.FUND	1587.14
BANQUET MONEY	548.00
ROPEX-92 SEE FOOTNOTE #2	1300.00
REFUNDS	23.33

EXHIBITION FRAME FUND SEE FOOTNOTE #3

CACHET COVERS \$3,349.89
DONATION 300.00
FRAME RENTAL 1,493.00
5,659.04

SALE OF EXTRA POSTAGE	5,659.04
PENNY STAMPS (KILOWAR)	516.15
COPIER/COPIES FOR OTHER	10.30
	52.15

AWARDS & PRIZES SEE FOOTNOTE #4

+ 90.00
TOTAL INCOME \$10,736.45

DISBURSEMENTS

COPIER SERVICE CONTRACT 1992-1993	\$ 400.70
OFFICE SUPPLIES (INCLUDES COPY PAPER & TONER 218.88)	261.07
COPIES AND OTHER POSTAGE	14.23
HINGES & TONGS (POSTAGE)	283.71
AWARDS AND PRIZES	205.23
RENT - MEETING ROOMS SEE FOOTNOTE #5	560.00
RENT - POST OFFICE BOX	35.00
INSURANCE SEE FOOTNOTE #6	382.00
SUNSHINE FUND AND MEMORIALS	78.46
LIBRARY BOOKS	124.00
PROGRAMS FOR MEETINGS	46.50
REFRESHMENTS	180.59
ROPEX-92 SEE FOOTNOTE #2	1,219.55
DUES OTHER CLUBS OR PUBLICATIONS	77.00
TELEPHONE CALLS	21.47
BANQUET	526.18
REPRESENTATIVE FEES TO FEDERATION MEETINGS	32.17

APS CIRCUITS - POSTAGE & INSURANCE

55.18

EXHIBITION FRAME FUND EXPENSES SEE FOOTNOTE #3	
POSTAGE TO SERVICE FDC'S	\$3,884.75
FDC'S PRODUCTION COSTS	514.68
SERVICE FEES TO USPS	145.05
FRAME STORAGE FOR 12 MONTHS	600.00
FRAME INSURANCE FOR 12 MONTHS	500.00
NAME PLAQUES FOR FRAMES	36.00
MISC.	556.98

6,237.46
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS \$ 10,740.50

FINANCIAL STATUS 6-30-92

\$13,847.54	TOTAL 6-30-91
- 499.70	TRANSFERS
13,347.84	TOTAL 8-31-91
+ 10,736.45	TOTAL INCOME 1991-1992 YEAR
24,084.29	
-10,740.50	TOTAL EXPENSES 1991-1992
\$13,343.79	

FINANCIAL STATUS 6-30-92

\$ 52.73	CASH ON HAND
1,045.11	RPA CHECKBOOK BALANCE
1,300.00	ROPEX CHECKBOOK SEE FOOTNOTE #2
5,659.04	EXHIBIT FRAME FUND SEE FOOTNOTE #3
5,286.91	CD VALUE PLUS INTEREST 6/30/92
13,343.79	TOTAL

LIABILITIES

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FOOTNOTES

- #1 Certificate of deposit covered only 331 days of RPA calendar year. Interest reflects the lower rates in the market place.
#2 All moneys left in the ROPEX checking account, with the exception of \$1000 to eliminate bank charges. The Board decided that the amount after all bills were paid should be indicated as income or as seed money under disbursements for the next ROPEX.
#3 Moneys in the fund are separate from the Annual ROPEX fund. Moneys in the fund are used to fund any cachet cover projects to support upkeep and any expenses associated with the new frames. Cachet sales are the primary source for moneys in the fund.
#4 ROPEX committee voted to reimburse the RPA for the "RPA Awards" used at the show.
#5 Meeting room at the church was \$35.00 a night for 16 nights = \$560.00
#6 This covers only the RPA liability and compensation insurance. Frame insurance is a separate policy under frame fund.

COVERS WANTED

The cover sales committee has received a request for a complete set of the 1991 ROPEX show covers. This is the set depicting the three area lighthouses serviced with the 25¢ booklet lighthouse issue (Scott #2470-74).

Please contact Rich Kase at the RPA PO box or phone him at (716) 381-1654. The club is willing to buy back this set.

"PA" KASE

Word from Rich Kase is that on Dec. 10, 1992 his dad suffered a heart attack and a quadruple bypass was performed. Everything has turned out fine and dad is recovering well. He's recuperating at a cousins house and would like to hear from all his RPA friends. You can call him at (716) 225-5581 or send your get well wishes to:

Dick Kase
142 Newton Road
Rochester, N.Y. 14626

COVER SALES

On New Years' Day members of the Frame Committee met at a local restaurant to lay out the 1993 first day of issues that will be done. Kelly Armstrong, Joe Doles, Rich Kase and Brad Sterling worked together to come up with the following list of covers that will be serviced to support the upkeep of the RPA exhibition frames.

Elvis Presley
Space Fantasy
Percy Lavon Julian
World University
Grace Kelly
Oklahoma!
Broadway Musicals
Cherokee Strip
Circus
Sporting Horses
Garden Flowers
Joe Louis
Deaf Communications
Youth Classic Books

Please support the frame fund by

purchasing some covers in the coming year.

Without your help money needed for the storage and insurance associated with our frames would have to come from the general fund and if this was to be done I'm sure that we would see an increase in the annual dues.

FRAMES

Bob Steeb and Joe Doles have been working on storage carts for the new frames. There will be 5 carts that will hold 25 frames each. These are made from the wood used in the old RPA frames and have wheels on them. They will be able to be rolled into the show hall for unloading and will keep everything clean while in storage. An outer steel frame work was welded up for each cart. The remainder of the old frames were sold to Herkimer County Community College for exhibitions. The money received (\$300) more than paid for the storage carts. Thank God for good contacts and volunteers.

PROGRAMS

January / February

The doors are open at 7pm so come early for trading, selling and good conversation.

January 14

Live Auction. About 50 lots will be auctioned from the Warren Stevens holdings. Larry Moriarty has assembled the lots and will be the evenings caller.

January 28

APS slide show - Canadian Postal History as used by the Central Pacific Railway. Your conductor for the evenings event will be Norm Wright. Bring your items for the silent auction.

February 11

One frame (8-16 pages) exhibit. 8 pages are recommended, the winner will get a free exhibition frame at ROPEX and will need 16 pages at exhibition time, March 26-28. A silent auction rounds out the evenings program.

February 25

French Balloon Posts is an APS slide show and starts at 8:00 PM. Remember to bring up to 7 silent auction lots.

SOUVENIR PAGES

A TOPICAL COLLECTION OF OUR TIME

By George Hill

I did a little investigating...and guess what I found? There aren't going to be many "complete" collections put together out there. Some of us will have to be content to collect most of the Souvenir Pages. Some of the issues ran under 2000. Now that thought could get the serious collector all agitated and sweaty. How can they get their hands on the elusive ones? What are the rare ones? Not only are their few issues of some but within the issue some differences occurred that made them "more collectible." And finally, when those special stamps in coils, non-d's, black Americans, baseball, space, light houses, etc. are issued, Souvenir Pages get snapped up to be included in these special collections. By "more collectible" I refer to numbered coil stamps that randomly are processed by the Post Office and "errors" sent to "lucky" collectors.

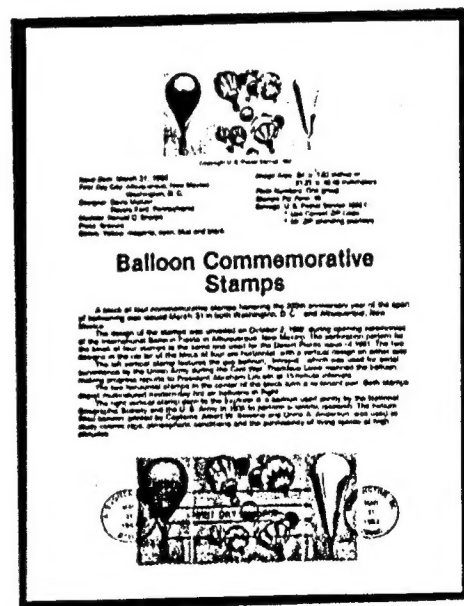
I dislike that term, "errors". These gems were designed to make collecting more interesting. There are fewer of these "special collectibles" (errors) than regular issue so you have a mission if you want to collect "complete". Admittedly, not for everyone but it sure makes a TOPICAL collection potential... enormous.

Now, then, what is a complete Souvenir Page collection. Except for printed price lists there does not seem to be a "bible" to go by. I'm looking for one and will call it to the reader's attention in future issues of the column if, in fact, one exists.

Now the big news for me. Looking through "Stamps" weekly, I came across an opportunity to obtain a 72-00 page. Wow! My enthusiasm leaped for this TOPICAL COLLECTION OF OUR TIME. Have you started your collection yet? I hope you have because it has great potential equal only to your enthusiasm and remember with a starting date of 1972 it is possible to get the majority of the pages. As you begin to collect, you will get duplicates, like I have, that make trading with fellow collectors... not dealers... possible and can keep the cost down while producing a respectable presentation.

Before his retirement as Assistant Postmaster General, Gordon Morison, answered a few pertinent questions on early issues of Souvenir Pages. His reply to the question on why "Family Planning" was not a part of the first shipment from the Post Office was that it was taken to New York at the ASDA show as kind of a test to see if there was any interest. The USPS had some concerns about the stamp itself due to the controversy surrounding it. The estimate for the number of pages issued was thought to be 2000 but he could not recall the exact number.

When queried about the "Yellowstone" page having dual cities of issuance, he indicated that USPS had planned to have the ceremony out west. The reason for dual cities was that periodically, from a political standpoint or for other reasons, someone gets involved and USPS has to do something different. There

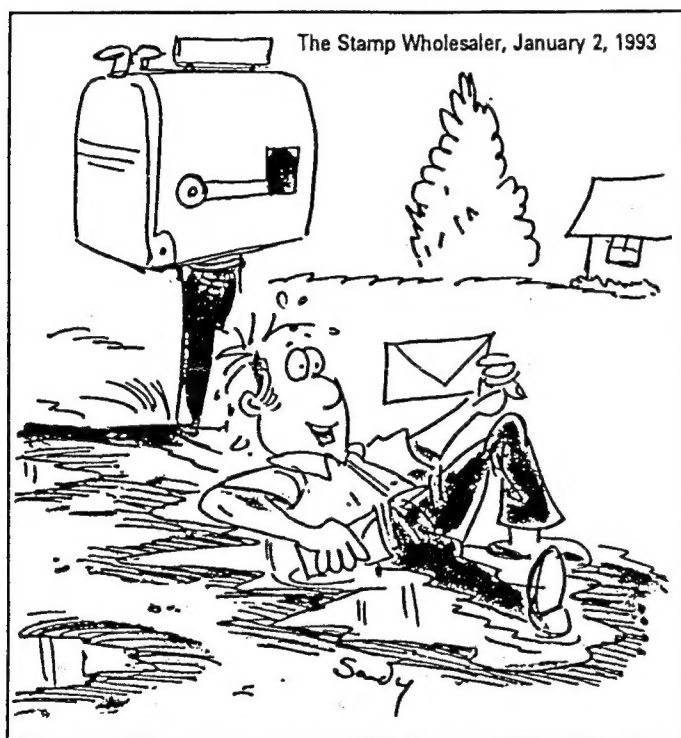


A typical souvenir page.

was a national celebration planned for the 200th anniversary of the U.S. Park Service, and someone insisted that USPS get involved in the Washington, D.C. celebration. He suspected that the D.C. cancels were made by local collectors. At that time there were also circulating uncanceled copies of the "Page", for publicity purposes. Somehow, collectors got hold of these and made special cancellations on the date.

The Yellowstone page had a 10,000 copy production but any unsold ones were destroyed. Similarly, plate numbered coils are destroyed instead of making these available to the public after the subscription quantities have been issued. Higher valued pages are available only on special request even if you subscribe to the program but subscribers are notified in time to get the issue. Pages are issued in waves and only recently the last wave of 1991 stamps were issued...late in 1992.

See you next time with more history and some information on a special collector...Charles Simmons.



"Thank goodness I didn't damage this first day cover!"

Looking for a Russian to exchange with?
write to:

Dr. Alexander A. Koshelez
Siberian Energy Institute
Russian Academy of Sciences
Lermontov Street, 130
064033 Irkutsk
Russia



BUFFALO STAMP CLUB

ANNUAL STAMP SHOW

AUCTION - EXHIBITION - DEALERS

presenting the 61st Hamilton - Buffalo Reunion

Friday, Saturday & Sunday - January 15, 16 & 17, 1993

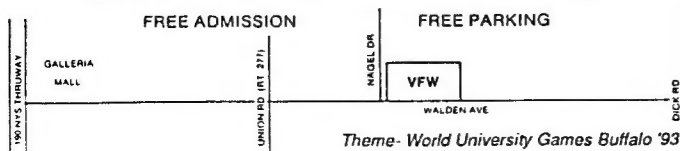
VFW LEONARD POST - 2450 WALDEN AVENUE, CHEEKTOWAGA, NY

EXHIBITION & BOURSE - FRIDAY, JANUARY 15, 1993 - 1PM to 9PM

SATURDAY, 10AM to 5PM; SUNDAY, 10 AM to 4 PM

AUCTION - FRIDAY, JANUARY 15, 1993 at 7 PM

BANQUET - SATURDAY JANUARY 16, 1993 at 7PM



NEW ISSUE - NORWAY

1st commemorative for the
'94 Olympic Games. Two stamps
issued Oct.9, 1992 depicting
the Norwegian flag and
Lillehammer, site of the games.
Designed by Bruno Oldani.

Tom Fortunato

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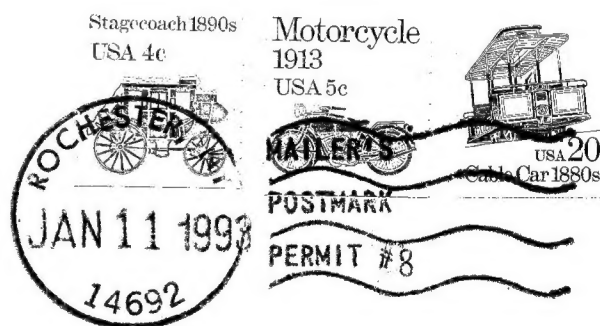
REMAINING 1992-1993 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

(Subject to revision, with notice when possible)

- Jan. 14, 1993: Live auction -- More great items from the Warren Stevens holdings.
- Jan. 28, 1993: Railroad Night -- APS Slide Show: "Canadian Postal History as used by the Central Pacific Railway." Also, Silent Auction.
- Feb. 11, 1993: Annual one-frame competition -- win the chance to exhibit at ROPEX '93. Also, Silent Auction.
- Feb. 25, 1993: APS Slide Show: "French Balloon Posts." Also, Silent Auction.
- March 11, 1993: ROPEX preparation night and Silent Auction. RPA 80th birthday party.
- March 25, 1993: ROPEX set-up at the Downtown Holiday Inn.
- April 8, 1993: "A Philatelic Thesaurus" led by Florence Wright. Also, Silent Auction.
- April 22, 1993: No meeting (church unavailable).
- May 13, 1993: Guest Speaker - to be announced. Also, Silent Auction.
- May 27, 1993: APS Slide Show: "Rotary International on Stamps." Also, Silent Auction.
- June 10, 1993: Annual Meeting and election of officers. Also, Silent Auction.
- June 24, 1993: Strawberries, Silent Auction and Kilo ware.

Annual RPA banquet and auction in June, Date and place to be announced.

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